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# A Humorous Sketch in One Act For 'Two Male Characters

# By CHESTER A. GRIFFIN

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# CHARACTERS

SAM, a colored janitor. JONES, a business man.

#### COSTUMES

SAM. Modern overalls and colored shirt. IONES. An ordinary business suit.



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# Joshing the Janitor

SCENE.—Jones' office. A simple business office setting, with table or desk, chairs, etc., is suggested. Use local mames wherever possible. There are many opportunities.

(SAM is discovered sweeping; Jones enters.)

Jones. Hello, Sam! Haven't seen you lately. Where've you been for a week back?

SAM. Weak back! Ah ain' had no weak back, sah.

Ah's bin sick abaid.

Jones. Sick abed! Come, come, Sam, that won't wash! Unless I'm greatly mistaken, I saw you two or three days ago running past the block like a house afire.

SAM. Yes, sah. Ah reckon dat mus' 'a' bin when

Ah was runnin' fo' de doctah, sah.

JONES. Well, Sam, what was the trouble with you?

SAM. It war rheumatiz, sah.

JONES. Rheumatism, eh? That's bad. Ever have it before?

SAM. No, sah. An' Ah didn't hab it befo' dis time. (Rubbing his thighs.) Ah had it behin'.

Jones. I see. Something in the nature of sciatica or

lumbago, eh?

SAM. No, sah. 'Twarn't sky attic an' it warn't plumbago. It war exclamatory rheumatiz, sah!

Jones. Exclamatory! You mean inflammatory, don't

you, Sam?

SAM. No, sah, Ah means exclamatory.

JONES. But look here, Sam. The word "exclama-

tory" has nothing whatever to do with rheumatism. It means "crying out."

SAM. Well, dat's what Ah was doin' all de time Ah

had it.

Jones. Did you do anything for it, Sam?

SAM. Yes, sah. Ah rubbed on some of dis yere goodnatured alcohol, an' den de doctah gimme some powder for medicine an' says to take as much as Ah could get on a dime.

JONES. Well, I suppose you followed the doctor's in-

structions to the letter, didn't you?

SAM. He didn't write no letter, sah. He ——

Jones. Well, well, you did just as he said, didn't you—took as much as you could get on a ten-cent piece,

I suppose?

SAM. Yes, sah. Only Ah didn't hab no dime, so Ah used as much as Ah could get on a couple ob nickels. Pow'ful hard on a feller, though, habbin' to jump 'roun' so much when he has de rheumatiz.

Jones. Jump around! What do you mean by that? Sam. Why, de Doc says to take de medicine two nights runnin' an' skip de third night. Ah did it, but it nearly killed me.

JONES. Well, Sam, the next time you have rheumatism, don't you bother with any doctors. Just come to

me and I'll give you something for it.

SAM. Look here, boss, de nex' time Ah has rheumatiz,

you can hab it fer nuffin'.

Jones. But joking aside, Sam, you can't afford to run to the doctor for every little thing. Why, I swallowed a penny once, but I didn't worry or bother with a doctor. I coughed it up and came out all right.

SAM. Dat's nuffin'. I swallered a nickel once, went to Doc Squills an' he made me cough up two dollars.

JONES. You think considerable of Dr. Squills, don't you, Sam?

SAM. Laws, yes! Why shouldn't Ah? We had him when mah mudder-'n-law died.

Jones. Yes?

SAM. Yes, sah. Minute she was taken sick, Ah sent

a telegram: "Deah Doctah: Mah wife's mudder's lvin' at death's door. Please come an' see if you can pull her through."

JONES. Speaking of your wife's mother, Sam, reminds me that I heard your wife's brother was in the hospital.

SAM. Yes, sah. He's got a broken arm, a sprained ankle, a wrenched hip, an' a bad case of housemaid's knee.

JONES. Goodness gracious! How did he get that

way?

SAM. Well, you see, his wife's been all de time a-naggin' him, an' he done say a number ob times he gwine to beat her up fo' it.

Jones. Yes, yes, go on!

SAM. Well, de odder day she done heah him, dat's all. Jones. Well, Sam, I'm glad you're not married to that sort of a woman.

SAM. No, sah. Mah wife's awful onreasonable,

though.

JONES. Unreasonable, Sam? How's that?
SAM. Well, day befo' yest'day she ask me fo' five dollar. An' yest'day she ask me fo' five dollar mo'. An' dis mohnin' she ask me fo' five dollar mo'.

IONES. Why, what on earth could she want with all

that money?

SAM. Ah dunno. Darn her, Ah didn't gib her none. An' say! She sho' got me into trouble de odder day. She went to work an' lef' de do' to de hen-house wide open.

Jones. Why, that ought not to have done any harm.

The hens would have come home all right.

SAM. Dat's jus' de trouble. Dem hens all went home. An' de feller what owned 'em finds whar dev been an' has me pinched.

JONES. I believe I did hear something about that.

You came up before Judge Cheatem, didn't you?

SAM. Yes, sah. Jedge ask me did Ah want a lawyer, an' Ah says, No, Ah didn't need one, Ah was goin' to tell de troof dis time. An' say!

Jones. Well?

SAM. Mah brudder works up to Vermont to Sears Roebuck's monument factory, an' dey got out a grabestone 'speshully fo' lawyers.

Iones. Especially for lawyers?

SAM. Yes, sah. An' it's got an awful pretty verse on it. It says, "Here lies a lawyer for de las' time."

IONES. Well, you mustn't be too hard on our lawyers. Sam. You must remember that we get most of our public speakers from the legal profession.

SAM. Not all ob 'em, you don't. Not bohn o'atahs

like Art Hawkins.

Jones. Born orators! What do you mean by "born

orators," Sam?
SAM. Well, you see, it's jus' like dis: A common man says, "Las' night it stopped rainin' about six, an' den de win' came up." But if a bohn o'atah like Art wants to say a thing like dat, he sticks one han' in his ves', t'rows back his haid, an' says, "As de las' rays ob de dyin' orb ob day faintly elucidates de western horizum, de gentle showers cease to seek de boozum ob ol' earth, an' out ob de eas', sighin' like a troubled soul, comes de gentle zephyr ob de night." Yes, sah, Art, he's shuah some o'atah.

JONES. Well, Sam, even Art will have to hand it to the

ladies when it comes to talking.

SAM. Yes, sah. Dose wimmen am shuah dere when it come to de chin music. Say, did you see about dat race ob wimmen dev descobbered in Afriky?

JONES. Why, no, Sam. To what race of women do

you refer?

SAM. Why, dey wuz a race ob mad women, an' dey didn't hab no tongues.

JONES. No tongues! Why, how in the world could

they talk?

SAM. Dey couldn't. Dat's what made 'em mad. Say! Did you know dat Ah didn't speak to mah wife fo' six months arter we got married?

Jones. What, a quarrel so soon as that after you were

married?

SAM. No, sah, nuffin' like dat. Ah jus' didn't like to

interrupt her, dat's all. (*Pause*.) Yes, sah, mah wife's some talker. De odder night Ah was a little late gettin' home, an' soon's as Ah got inter de house, she started a-jawin' me.

Jones. You and she had a few words, eh?

SAM. No, sah. She had 'em all. Ah had a few, but Ah didn't get no chance to use 'em.

Jones. Well, what did you do?

SAM. Why, jus' tumbled inter bed an' went ter sleep.

JONES. And that was the end of it?

SAM. Not much it warn't. 'Long 'bout two 'clock Ah woke up an' she was still a-hummin'.

JONES. And you went right back to sleep, I suppose. SAM. No, sah. Ah says, "What, Hannah, again or yet?"

Jones. Sam, if my wife had treated me like that, I

should have enlisted.

SAM. You would, eh?

JONES. I surely would! Why didn't you join the army, Sam?

SAM. What, with all dat fightin' goin' on? You must

think Ah was crazy.

Jones. Nonsense, Sam. There isn't so much danger in the army as you think. Take the aviation service, for instance. There's a branch where a fellow is practically certain to rise.

SAM. Uh-huh! I doan' t'ink! An' when you gits five or six miles in de air an' de ingine stops, dey'll say, "Hey, nigger, git out dar an' crank dat ar flivver!"

Jones. Well, Sam, I'm glad to see you wearing a Liberty Loan button, even if you didn't see your way clear to

enlist.

SAM. Yes, sah. Mah brudder Steve been payin' fo' Liberty Bonds de las' five year.

Jones. Five years! You mean five months, don't

you?

SAM. No, sah, five years! On'y he calls it "payin'

alimony," 'stead of Liberty Bonds.

Jones. Oh, I see; Steve and Cindy separated, did they? I suppose Steve has to pay his alimony pretty, regularly? SAM. Yes, sah. Steve, he skipped payin' twice, but Cindy, she threatened to come back to him if he didn't pay right on de nail. See mah odder badge, sah? Dat's mah Carnegie hero medal.

JONES. Carnegie hero medal, Sam? Why, those are awarded for some notable act of bravery, aren't they?

SAM. Well, dat's how Ah got mine. Ah took it away from a feller bigger'n mahse'f. Say!

Jones. Well?

SAM. Well, Ah went into de Crescent Café de odder night fo' a feed.

Jones. Well, you got it, didn't you?

Sam. No, sah, Ah didn't.

Jones. Why, what was the difficulty?

SAM. Well, Ah told de waitah Ah wanted some oystahs, an' he yelled "One stew!" Ah thought he was talkin' 'bout me, an' Ah wouldn't stan' fo' it. No, sah, not one minute!

JONES. Well, did you clean out the place?

SAM. No, sah. Yo' see, dey jus' natchally set me out on de sidewalk, sah.

Jones. You must have been offended, Sam.

SAM. Ah was. Ah nebber felt so put out in all mah life. (Pause; SAM whistles.)

Jones. By the way, Sam, didn't I hear that you sang

a bit?

SAM. Yes, sah. An' Ah plays de bass drum, too, sah. Jones. Well, well, you're some musician, sure. How long has it been troubling you?

SAM. Oh, I showed symptoms ob it at a very early

age, sah.

Jones. How was that?

SAM. Well, you see, mah dad was a slave down souf, befo' de war, an'——

JONES. And after the war he was free, eh?

SAM. No, sah, not much he warn't.

Jones. What! You mean to tell me that your father

didn't regain his freedom after the Civil War?

SAM. No, sah, arter de war he got married. Den he went to lib on a farm 'longside de Miss'sippi. Well, one

year de ribber went on a rampage, an' we had a big flood. An' our house washed away an' us kids floated down de ribber on de furniture. Mah brudder grabbed de dinin'room table an' used it fo' a raf'.

JONES. Well, this is all very interesting, but just what has it to do with your precociousness as a musical genius? SAM. Why, Ah accompanied him on de pianner.

Jones. Well, Sam, if we can get some one to accompany you on the piano, you might give us that song you are rehearsing for the Grange entertainment.

(SAM selects an accompanist from the audience, and as he begins to sing Jones exits. Song need not be coon song. Any popular or topical song will do. After song SAM exits.)

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